Company Affairs on 6.7.92 in the context of tde provisions of Section 67(3) of the Companies Act, 1956, companies promoters and intermediaries have been advised that the so called 'private' placement by companies of shares by utilising the services of brokers and other intermediaries, inserting advertisements in the print media, mass mailng literature, floating rights of renunciation in the market by companies themselves and charging unofficial premia from the investing public are serious contraventions of tde Companies Act and will invite penal action.

(c) and (d) Allegations against certain companies for violating the provisions relating to private placement of shares have come to the notice of the Government and after examining the cases, action as warranted under the law shall be taken.

Vacant posts of lodges in High Courts

1826. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL; Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of judges in each of the High Courts of Jaipur and and Bhubaneshwar as on 30.6.1992;

(b) wdat is the number of Judges in each of the two High Courts at present; and

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up and the dates from which these vacancies have arisen?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKAR REDDY); (a) to (c) The position as on 30.6.92, in respect of Rajasthan and Orissa High Courts was as follows:—•

High Court	Sanction-ed strength	Judges in position vacant.	Vacancies and dates from which lying	
Rajasthan	25	25	2	5.1.92 15.6.92
Orissa	14	13	1	22.6.92

The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies in these High Courts, in on. It is not possible to indicate when these vacancies will be filled up.

Legal Aid Programme in Andhra Pradesh

1827. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons benefited in Andhra Pradesh so far through court oriented legal aid programme;

(b) what is the break-up of such persons belonging to SC|ST, BC women and children;

(c) wlwt are the norms laid down by CHAS to get free legal aid;

(d) whether there is any proposal to enhance the income limit for this;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) On the basis of the information available, as on 1st June, 1992, 15,796 persons have been benefited in Andhra Pradesh through court oriented Legal Aid Programme.

The number of persons belonging to SC|ST/Women|Children are as under:—

Scheduled Castes	:	2,715
Scheduled Tribes	:	1,307
Backward Classes	:	3,114
Women	:	2,452
Children		164

(c) According to the Model Scheme, any citizen whose annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 6,000]- upto High Court and Rs. 9,000]- for Supreme Court cases, is entitled for free legal aid. This limitation as to income, is, however, not applicable in case of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women, Children, Vimukta Jatis and nomadic tribes.

(d) and (e) There is a proposal to enhance the income limit to Rs. 9,000/-per annum of the case is before a court other than Supreme Court and less than Rs. 12,000]- of such other amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government if the case is before the Supreme Court.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (d) & (e) of the Question.

Pnacrice by- retired judges

1828. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN;

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

(a) the details of the retired Chief Justice and Judges of various High: Courts practicing in the Supreme Court of India;

((b) the details of the retired Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts working as Senior Advocates for various states;

(c). whether there is any proposal to ban retired Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts practicing in Supreme Court I and being nominated in the panel of Se-niorA dvocates;n

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if oot, the reasons, therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government have no information.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There is no constitutional bar on 'retired Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts from practicing in the Supreme Court.

Setting up of High Court Benches

1829. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1039 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th July. 1992 and state;

(a) whether Government propose to set up High Court benchss in some states of the country; and

(b) if so, the name of such state and the location of the proposed benches?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAY BHASKAR REDDY): (a) and (b) The Government of India have decided to set up Benches of Gauhati High Court in the Capitals of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, after necessary infrastructural facilities have been provided by the concerned Stale Governments.

Study of Companies Law Department

1830. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-BHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of companies that come under (a) Joint Stock Public Limited Companies as on 31st March. 1992;